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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT PART I

The Changeless Christ For a Changing World

For contemporary man, history no longer has pace; it has velocity. "Time is collapsing!" This thought provoking statement was made recently to the faculty and students of the U.S. Army Management School. The speaker went on to say, "in this age of technological leapfrog, 'Time' is no longer the big ingredient in progress. A rapid succession of technological advances and scientific breakthroughs are jet-propelling man into a new era in which progress is made by leaps and bounds rather than by tedious time-consuming evolution."

It is said that 90 per cent of all the scientists who have ever lived are living today. There are 75,000 scientific journals being published today. There has been more scientific and technological progress made in the last 50 years than was made in all the years of recorded history.

Presently 2,000,000 discoveries and inventions are being patented and recorded annually. 70 per cent of the chemicals used in modern medicine were unknown before World War II and 8 out of 10 medical prescriptions we have today were not even compounded 10 years ago.

Let's look at the field of transportation. In the day of the great Nero (who fiddled while Rome burned) man could travel only as fast as a swift horse could carry him . . . approximately 35 miles per hour. And think of this, from Nero's day until just 132 years ago, man was still traveling at that same maximum speed.

Following World War II, man really began making progress on purpose in the field of transportation and beginning at that time with a top speed of about 200 mph in the fastest flying equipment to the present day speed of over 1500 mph for a man carrying aircraft.

Sometime ago a pilot in a Navy jet flying over Long Island fired his guns and forgot to change his course, with the result he overtook his own bullets and shot himself down.

Let's take a quick look at power. Ever since the Chinese invented gun powder it has been the king of explosives. Suddenly in 1945 the famous "A" bomb was invented and thus began the new age of explosive power until today the "A" bomb is only a firecracker to be exploded on the 4th of

July in comparison to the "H" bomb which is measured in megatons. One megaton is the equivalent of 1,000,000 tons of TNT. A one-hundred megaton "H" bomb has already been exploded. This is equivalent to 100,000,000 tons of TNT. It would take 100 freight trains each 200 miles long with box cars filled to capacity to carry that much TNT.

Now just a glimpse into the field of communications. From the time of Adam and continuing through many centuries, man's ability to communicate was limited to as far as the ear could hear or the eye could see. Within just the last 100 years, practically all of our present systems of communications have been developed bringing the wireless, telephone, radio and T.V., and now the satellite which makes instant TV communications around the world possible.

Man's knowledge has increased with lightning speed. I am convinced that this is one of the most outstanding signs that we are living in the end time when, as the Scripture declares, "KNOWLEDGE SHALL INCREASE." God is allowing men to know and understand mysteries which until this time He has kept curtained off from them.

We often think, "If George Washington could come back and pay a visit to Washington, D.C. today and behold all of the progress which has been made, he would be fit for the psycho ward as he tried to grasp this crazy world of automation!" Perhaps we would not be far wrong if we were to say, "You ain't seen nothin' yet!" for scientific and technological progress is just beginning to take root.

Even the homes of tomorrow will hold little resemblance to those we now live in. Very soon many homes will be built to rotate automatically to follow the sun. Heating systems as we know them will be completely obsolete. And ladies, they even tell us there will be refrigerators which will require only the touch of a selection button—they will produce the selected food, cook and serve it. Then another device will be available to dump and dispose of rubbish and wash and store the dishes!!

Now for the final area, I bring to your attention the population explosion. Until approximately 1800, not a billion people lived on the earth. Then came the biological flood! In just 160 years the population

soared to three billion. It is estimated that by the year 2000, the population will reach 7 billion.

Take another tack. Think of the amassing of knowledge in the "Natural and Behavioral sciences." According to recent figures, if we were to plot accumulation of man's knowledge on a 1900-year time line, first doubling of that knowledge after the birth of Christ would be seen as occurring in 1750, the second doubling in 1900, the third in 1950 and the fourth in 1960. The latest doubling of man's knowledge has been achieved in one decade!! Just 10 years compared to the first period of 1750 years.

Shall we sum this all up by saying, the political, economic and social changes are taking place with such confounding rapidity that old standards and structures, old forms and formulas, are being abandoned or radically modified. If the Church of the living God is caught in a merely *PASSIVE* or *PROTESTING* posture, it will be swept aside as irrelevant. It must be *PERCEPTIVE*, *PROGRESSIVE* and *PRODUCTIVE*, else its witness will be a murmur lost on the whistling winds of *CHANGE*.

Now we have talked of progress in science, transportation, communication, medicine, power, living conditions . . . but what about MAN? What changes have occurred in him?

Well, we can say one thing for sure. There are more men living at one time than ever before and this will continue to increase as all of us well know in observing the ever-exploding population. But what about MAN HIMSELF? I ask again, has HE CHANGED? No! Basically man is the same as when God created him. He is born in sin and in need of a Saviour! He has become more civilized, educated, cultured and sophisticated but he is still basically the same creature . . . He still has the same moral problems . . . He is prone to lie, cheat, steal and kill. He is still committing sins of the flesh and sins of the spirit. His very nature is still sinful! The unregenerate man hates God and follows Satan. He is a sinner by birth and there is still no saving power for man other than the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Now modern man doesn't like to admit this truth! He does not want to face reality. He does not want to feel conviction. He will search and dig and conjure up every possible philosophy in an effort to prove that God is dead. Without any doubt there is today a great move to kill the belief in God as a personal, knowable redeeming Deity.

Science has made its contribution to the popular "death" of God by setting itself up to be the final authority on earth. The Soviet cosmonaut, came back to earth announcing triumphantly that as he looked out of his space ship, he could see no God. Did he assume that his training in space flight qualified him to judge whether God was dead or alive? How sophomoric can one be?

In spite of all of the beneficial strides made by science, it has inadvertently robbed us of our deep sense of reverence for the other world—a respect for God, a fear of the hereafter, and a sense of moral responsibility to our Maker.

Secularism also has contributed to the general feeling that God is dead. When religion fails to reflect an accurate image of God in his church, then secularism presents

itself as an alternative. "Secularism" is a word that denotes a decline of faith in spiritual and moral values. It is a form of idolatry, a clay God. There is nothing new about it. It simply seeks to remove God from the areas of life and to confine Him to the temple. In many ways the secularism behind the iron curtain is like our own here in the USA. It tolerates religious art, music, and worship, but only as relics and echoes of the past. Religion must have no place in education, in government, in any of the practical and productive aspects of society. As long as it is irrelevant, it is permissible.

Perhaps the most damnable force in this area of modern living is the fact that the Church itself has contributed and is contributing strongly to the idea that God is "dead." A recent poll of 500 ministers of several leading and historic denominational groups showed the following result . . . keep in mind this is of the clergy . . . 13% rejected the doctrine of the Trinity,

48% rejected the Scriptural account of creation,

33% rejected the idea of inspiration of the Scriptures,

43% rejected the atonement of Christ,

24% rejected the bodily resurrection of Christ.

So, even the church is contributing to the idea that God is "dead." The dean of Harvard Divinity School lamented recently, "We simply do not know how to think of God. He no longer 'acts.' We do not find Him responsible for anything. We do not fear Him. HE IS AWAY. A popular religion hides the loss of God with frantic but superficial piety."

Woe unto the preacher today who comes to grips with the sins of his congregation! The modern congregation asks its preacher to preach only "good things." The great need

of America at this hour is a mighty spiritual revival that will once again bring man face to face with his sins and face to face with a God who hates that sin but loves the man.

Now, my brothers and sisters of the Assemblies of God, what are we doing about meeting the demands of this changing world in which we live? Are we to throw up our hands as if all were lost? Will we live in such a way that the world will presume that we, too, think God is dead? Will the overwhelming awesomeness of the things that may come upon us tomorrow cause us to retreat from the areas of battle? Of course we know that our world dangles on the edge of a high precipice . . . If we lose our grip, we fall into a canyon of atomic destruction. As we struggle to hold on, we face a world whose PACE HAS CHANGED but whose destination is the SAME. Certainly the pace has changed, culture has changed, philosophies have changed, but MAN is basically UNCHANGED . . . born in sin—in need of a Saviour. He is still subject to sorrow, disappointment, and heartache. Living in the lap of comfort and luxury . . . MAN NEVER HAD LIFE SO GOOD AND ENJOYED IT SO LITTLE!

Why is this true? Because man is basically the same. Something within him cries out for reality, for truth, for a power greater than that residing within him. Our modern man is described in the Scriptures as "ever learning but never coming to the knowledge of the TRUTH!" The God-nature within man still longs for TRUTH. And that truth has not changed, will not change, and cannot change, for God has declared, "I AM GOD! I CHANGE NOT!" All right, Church of the Living God, how do we stand? Are we weaker at a time when strength is not merely desirable, but absolutely essential if we are to survive as a voice for God? Are we going to look at all of the changes about us simply as if we were statisticians, or will we look at them as CHRISTIANS called to

participate in the evangelization of this changing world? As the Redeemed of the living God held responsible for getting the Gospel to every creature?

It has been said that the Church is engaged in a HOLDING action rather than a rapid and continuous advance for Christ! Are we just HOLDING on to what we have? Are we to follow the nominal church which has said, "Well, our preaching is unproductive, let us open a school." Then, "Our schools have failed to produce converts, let us open clinics, hospitals, trade schools, orphanages, and so on!"

Oh, but Brother Gerhart, wait a minute. What are you saying? Why surely you know that we need schools and hospitals and orphanages! You are so right! Absolutely right! But I am saying, "The primary work of the Church of the Living God is not simply to provide education for the mind, health for the body or even homes for the homeless. The basic, fundamental, primary reason for the existence of a church, as such, is to PREACH THE GOSPEL of the Lord Jesus Christ to men lost in sin and bound for hell. Men for whom there is NO SALVATION except through the saving grace of the REDEEMER who died, was buried, rose again and is seated in the Heavens interceding for man! All of these other things are by-products of the church—not the primary work!"

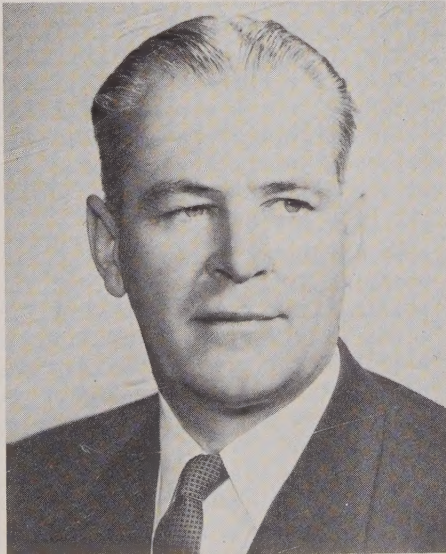
To preach the Gospel: This is our purpose! This is our task! This is our life! Anything less and we DIE as a moving, dynamic spiritual force in this changing world. We are still called to PRESENT THE CHANGELESS CHRIST TO A CHANGING WORLD! Christ is still the only answer to man's need . . . He is still the only Way to Heaven! He is still the TRUTH and the LIFE!

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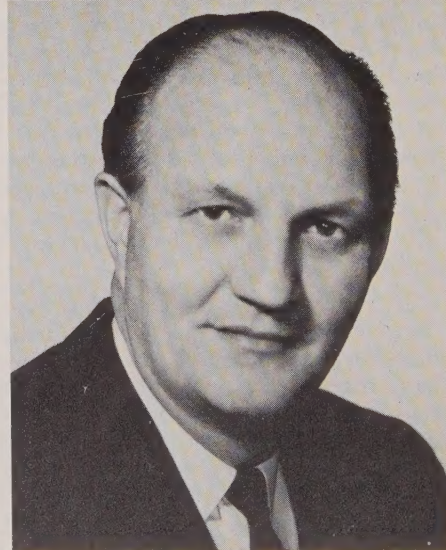
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Whom Seekest Thou?

By Pastor W. O. VICKERY
First Assembly, Santa Rosa

GUEST EDITORIAL

From the narrative of John 20:11-18 comes the beautiful story of a woman's search for and discovery of the resurrected Christ. Nestled within the dialogue are two of life's poignant questions. Because both the questions and their responses seem to have a quality of timelessness, which makes them relevant even now, I wish to review them with you that they may serve as a guide to a more meaningful Easter observance.

The first query is that of the angels within the tomb as they addressed Mary Magdalene. "And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him."

It does not seem strange to me that angels should make such an inquiry. Had not they witnessed all that had transpired between heaven and earth, and had not they heard every prophetic promise as well as witnessed its fulfillment? It seems to me that theirs was an honest question having been asked because they didn't realize that the dawn of Jesus' resurrection had not yet come to Mary or to any of Jesus' followers, even though He had personally spoken to them of it. I think the angels were honestly perplexed because Mary should have been rejoicing rather than weeping because the tomb was empty, and indeed she did rejoice shortly thereafter at the dawn of resurrection's truth. I wonder, if angels should speak today, if they should not still be perplexed and confounded at man's reaction to life, in the light of resurrection's truth?

It is from Mary's response however, that we see she has made a significant discovery. She replied, "Because they have taken away my Lord." Dwell on these two words with me. *My Lord*. Even though she did not grasp the scope of the resurrection at this point, one thing she had determined. He was *her Lord* . . . *her personal Lord*. I believe it is wonderfully significant that she did not refer to Him as, "King of the Jews," or "the disciples'

Master," or even, "the Son of God." However limited she may have been in her concept of Christ at that moment, none can doubt that she held the key to ultimate understanding. He was *her personal Lord*.

Now the second question comes from the lips of the resurrected Christ, though at the moment she knew not that it was He. He repeats the former question, but without awaiting an answer presses urgently to what I believe is the most critical issue of all, "Whom seekest thou?" One can hardly read her response without sharing the emotion that charged her appeal. She was saying in effect, 'Just tell me where He is, I'll go to Him, I'll take Him with me.' It was Jesus personally that she sought. Then came that wonderful moment when in response to an honest appeal Jesus revealed to Mary, not a fact, or a formula, but a person—Himself.

Mary had first discovered in Jesus a personal Lord, she freely acknowledged this by her response to the questions. Mary was also convinced, as is evidenced by her actions, that she could not sustain that vital, living relationship to which she had become accustomed, without seeking and finding Him personally. No cross, no garment, no ground hallowed by His former presence, not even His grave clothes could suffice. Neither to speak to angels, nor to converse with one whom she thought had even touched His body—no, nothing, however significant or spectacular, could suffice, only Jesus personally.

Should the Lord tarry until Easter morning, I invite you to read this narrative again, and after having done so will you listen to the question once more? This time not as it was asked of Mary, but as it is being asked of you on your way to wherever you are going that day. "Whom seekest thou?" Let these penetrating words draw us again to that wonderful moment of revelation when as a result of seeking Him personally, we, like Mary, are confronted with the reality of the Person of our resurrected Lord.

REVIVALTIME CHOIR TOUR

Northern California will be visited this summer by the Revivaltime Choir which is scheduled to appear as follows:

- June 13, Sunday morning, 1st Assembly, Santa Cruz
- June 13, Sunday afternoon, 3:00 p.m., 1st Church, Oakland
- June 13, Sunday night, Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco.
- June 14, Monday night, C.A. Rally, Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco
- June 15, Tuesday night, 1st Assembly, Santa Rosa
- June 16, Wednesday night, Bethel Church, San Jose
- June 17, Thursday night, Bethel Temple, Turlock
- June 18, Friday night, Yosemite Lodge, Yosemite National Park

Singing Ambassadors Represent Bethany in Southern California Tour

On March 19, Bethany's singing Ambassadors left for a ten day tour in Southern California. The forty voice student choir is conducted by the chairman of the Music Department at Bethany Bible College, Forrest Beiser.

In addition to visiting various Assembly of God churches, the group participated in a Christ's Ambassador Rally in Westminster, California, and also visited its sister college in the southern part of the state.

The Ambassadors were well received in the Northern California-Nevada District at the 47th Annual District Council in Sacramento, when they sang to over 5000 persons at the Tuesday evening C.A. Service held at Memorial Auditorium.

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Letter to a Daughter Away at School

MARGARET JOHNSTON HESS

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DEAR DAUGHTER,

Thanks for your long letter. It was good to get a "stream-of-consciousness" type of report—all the things that you would talk about if you were right here curled up on the foot of the bed. Your other letters were delightful and interesting, but I was wondering what was going on beneath the surface.

Please don't feel that we are upset by all those questions about the basis of your faith. I am sending you several books on apologetics recommended by a professor who would know just what you need.

Daddy says he's not dealing with apologetics right now and that he's not in the student atmosphere. In his ministry he's dealing with people who are facing matters of life and death, heartbreak and tragedy, practical problems of family living, and it's quite different. They aren't, for the most part, worrying about philosophies and theologies. They want something of practical use to them today, something to help them face and solve their problems, something that works. And that is what a practical, experiential Christianity does, as I know you have proved to your satisfaction.

Of course, in the environment in which you find yourself you are challenged to dig out the answers for the sake of those whom you meet and also to strengthen your own faith. It seems to me—am I not right?—that this is the first time all these questions about your faith have bothered you.

Do you remember how disgusted you used to get with your older brother when he would want to bat around such questions at the dinner table ad infinitum? He was always taking the opposite side of the question from us just to get our answers. Then he was fortified to meet discussions on the outside.

As you know, his faith tended to be strengthened in an antagonistic environment and to waver in the environment of a Christian college. You, however, have always been the opposite in temperament; in a truly feminine way, you tend to yield to the atmosphere you are in. This yielding to an atmosphere can be both good and bad. It's good in that you are always able to gather the full value out of whatever situation you are in. You are able to concentrate on the good points and not worry about the bad. It is the quality of sensitivity that enables you to pick up the language, feelings, and ways of people of another culture and background. This quality will help you benefit to the full from your year in France.

But it's bad in that you will need to guard against having your spiritual life weakened by the unbelief around you. However well it is dressed up in scholarly and attractive form, it is still unbelief—a basic disinclination to yield the will to Christ. Becoming a

Christian is primarily a matter of the will. There is either an honest desire to find out how to get into a vital, personal relation with God or else just an idle desire to argue and toss around scholarly terms, thereby further consolidating one's own refusal of Christ.

So by all means study all these questions to your own satisfaction. But don't let anybody who just wants to show how smart he can sound throw you off balance spiritually. If a person is truly seeking, help him. Give him all the answers to the limit that you have them. But don't ever for a moment think that, because you don't have an answer at your fingertips, there is no answer!

Plenty of thinking Christians have agonized through all these questions before you ever were here and have come through with their faith intact. During the first years of my Bible teaching, I was in about the same frame of mind you seem to be in now. I felt I had to *know*, that I had to work out in my own mind all the "whys." I felt I had no right to teach, that I could not stand before a class with any ring of conviction in my voice, if I hadn't beaten my way through every last question that occurred to me—and plenty of them did!

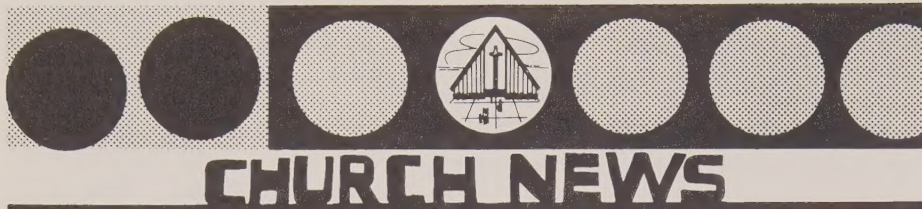
Finally, though, I became thoroughly satisfied, and my interest in apologetics shifted to the practical aspects of Christianity—the way it works in everyday life, the way prayers are answered, the beautiful, the poetic, the soul-satisfying aspects.

In my teaching I try to speak the language of those not committed to Christ and to bring in apologetics when necessary. Yet it really isn't argument that wins people to the Lord. It's just presenting the Scriptures and trying to make them come alive in as many different ways as possible, and then trusting the Holy Spirit to do the real work, not yourself.

But I know what you are after; you want to work through all these questions for yourself. And you should honestly face them. Then you will be ready to be a fine Bible teacher some day. I have wondered occasionally why you hadn't had to go through all this questioning before now. Just about everyone who is brought up in the Christian faith has to go through this shaking-down process sooner or later before his faith is absolutely his own and not just what he has gotten from his parents or from his environment.

(Please turn to page 14)

Margaret Johnston Hess is the wife of Dr. Bartlett L. Hess, pastor of the Ward Memorial Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Michigan. She is a graduate of Coe College. This letter was written to her daughter, a student at Sweetbriar College, who at that time was taking her junior year abroad by attending the Sorbonne in Paris.



PETERSBURG, Alaska

"We observed the first week of the year with a week of prayer and the Lord met with us with refreshing spiritual showers. We had about six weeks of unusually cold days and nights with temperatures 10 to 12 degrees below zero. Sincere thanks to all of you who pray and give and help in so many ways." The Bernard Tewells

CARMICHAEL

Evangelist Joe H. Williams has recently conducted Deeper Life Services which were greatly blessed to the congregation. L. W. Suter, Pastor

FAIRFIELD

"Our Workers' Training Course taught by the Rev. Duane Trulin was a tremendous success. We are very thankful, not only for the knowledge gained, but also for the spiritual growth of our workers who attended this Training Revival. Recent guest speakers have included Rev. Bob Larson, and Rev. W. K. Gaylord." Eugene W. Ness, Pastor

HAYWARD

Bethel Temple heard Nicky Cruz, youth speaker, in a service climaxing 'emphasis on youth.' The Rev. William J. Roberts, vice-president of the Far East Broadcasting Company, was also a recent guest speaker. Pastor James Swanson

HIGHWAY CITY

Evangelist Edgar L. Branson conducted a most successful revival campaign. During the three weeks, 12 were saved, six were baptized in the Holy Ghost and the church was greatly strengthened. Building is now in progress on a new Sunday School annex. Pastor E. M. McKim

LAS VEGAS

Trinity Temple. Thirty days of prayer began on March 9th. *Operation Vegas Outreach* has taken lifel Commencing on April 10th, more than 150 young people from Assemblies throughout California have volunteered their Easter vacation to win souls in Las Vegas. We covet the earnest prayers of Christians everywhere as we put forth this 'all-out' effort to reach Las Vegas with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Wilbur Wacker pastor

SACRAMENTO

Bethel Temple hosted the recent 47th annual District Council Convention of the Assemblies of God during which the Rev. Paul Lowenberg was the guest speaker. Evangelist Tommy Barnett conducted an Evangelistic Crusade with splendid results. Pastor Clyde A. Henson

SAN FRANCISCO

Glad Tidings Temple selected "Send the Light" as the theme for their 1965 Missionary Convention, March 6th through 14th. A nine-foot lighthouse was used to illustrate the theme and to depict the outreach of Glad Tidings Temple. A revolving light flashed upon the words, "Send the Light." The church, in replica, stood in front on one side of the sanctuary and a large design of the world was placed on the other side. The various countries of the world were lighted up as financial goals were reached.

The convention began with a Smorgasbord dinner with Dr. Cordas C. Burnett as speaker. Music was furnished by Bethany Bible College. The main speaker throughout the convention was the Rev. Willard Cantelon, who used his artistic talents by illustrating his sermons with oil paintings. Also included as speakers and special guests were the Rev. Alex Shevchuck, Rev. George Effman, Rev. Leland Good, Rev. Jacob Kocker and guest soloist, Lee Robbins.

Added attractions were a World Missions Fair, films, and the annual Sunday School Ministry Parade. Floyd W. Thomas, Pastor

MODESTO

Bethel Church has welcomed Rev. and Mrs. Ron Hood to serve as Minister of Music and Youth. The Church recently joined in an area training course under the teaching ministry of Rev. Fred Greve and Rev. Bill Williams. L. B. Lewis, Pastor

PITTSBURG

"The Spirit of the Lord has been moving in the last three months . . . we have had 15 adults, eight teenagers and seven junior high young people accept Christ as Savior and start a new life with Him. The Sunday School reached an attendance of 150 during a recent contest." William A. Younger, Pastor

SAN JOSE

Calvary Temple lifted a page from the book of Acts recently—when the church at Antioch heard the Holy Spirit say "Separate unto me Saul and Barnabas for the work whereunto I have called them"—and added to their staff of lay missionaries, Sharon Grant who is going to Nootka Mission Hospital on Vancouver Island and the Rasmussens to Korea as lay missionaries. The new building project is progressing very rapidly, for which we are grateful. T. Kermit Jeffrey, Pastor

SANTA ROSA

First Assembly has enjoyed special guest speakers, Professor Martin Heicksen of Bethany Bible College, Evangelist Olga Olsson and Rev. George Branch, Pastor of the South Tahoe Assembly. A lovely new parsonage was dedicated in special services conducted by Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart. W. O. Vickery, Pastor

WEITCHPEC

(Deep in the flood area) . . . "Here we are back in the cabin up on the side of the mountain all safe and sound. Praise the Lord! This is to let you know how much we appreciate all of the help the District has given us. Our trailer has been put back in good shape and we have been able to purchase a gas range (by flood relief funds supplied by District donors) Now we can say with Paul, "But I have all and abound: I am full . . ." Again I am able to say that God has done more for us along spiritual lines than any other way. I can sing that song, "I've had a Vision of Jesus" and mean it. He is wonderful to those who will put their trust in HIM." Carl F. Rowe, Pastor

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Rosie Wilmoth, wife of Pastor Bradford Wilmoth of Loyalton, went to be with her Lord on February 26, 1965. We offer Brother Wilmoth and the other loved ones our sincere sympathy and prayers for their comfort in this time of bereavement.

A stalwart soldier of the Cross, Brother Leon Pitts, recently went to be with the Lord after an extended illness. Brother Pitts was the father of our Missionary, Mrs. Ovid Dillingham, Bangalore, India. Both Bro. and Sis. Pitts have been very active in the Escalon and Santa Cruz Assemblies for many years. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Sister Pitts, now residing in Escalon, to Mrs. Dillingham in India and other members of the family.

(More Church News on page 15)

**RALPH HIATT,
Costa Rica—**

—“Although we are deep in our final weeks of language study, recently God has directed our attention to a prison island, just off the Pacific Coast of Costa Rica, called San Lucas. To our knowledge there has never been a Gospel witness before among the prisoners there. The top prison official of Costa Rica has opened the door wide to our ministry even providing us with transportation via launch to and from the island.

During our first visit, a month ago, about 100 of the 240 men responded to the invitation to accept Christ. Many of these had never before heard the simple message of salvation by faith. Some, only minutes before, had witnessed the miraculous healing of a man with a broken foot in the prison hospital. After prayer, the man was told by the *hospital director* to get out of bed and walk. He did and hasn't stopped walking since! X-rays now prove that the bone is perfectly knit!

Last week end we made our second



1. Ralph Hiatt instructing a prisoner in the Word of God.
2. “Now we come to the most difficult part.” These were the words of a prisoner who came to the dock to see us off. His words still ring in our ears, “Please return to give us a regular Bible Study!”

MISSIONS ITEMS

visit to the island. This time we were able to leave a New Testament in the hand of every prisoner! Now some of these men are pleading for a bi-weekly Bible study. It is our earnest desire to establish a permanent Gospel witness on San Lucas Island in these remaining few weeks we have before leaving for Argentina.

You friends of the Northern Calif. & Nevada churches, who are backing us so faithfully with your sacrificial giving and prayers share equally with us in this witness which has been so miraculously ordered by the Holy Spirit.”

**LELAND and SHIRLEY GOOD,
Bolivia—**

—home on furlough, have a new little son, Mark John who came to live with the Goods on February 10th. Dorcas and David were thrilled to have a baby brother.

MRS. JACOB KOCKER—

—who was seriously injured in a recent auto accident, is out of the hospital and convalescing at the LoMar Rest Home, 406 Laurel St., Pacific Grove.

THE DON CORBINS—

—were doubly blessed on February 6th when twins arrived at their home in Switzerland. Christine Margarite and Donald Craig are fine, healthy babies.

BERNHARD JOHNSON—

—is in the States for a brief visit while raising support for radio broadcasts and evangelistic meetings. Costs have tripled in the last two years. Bernhard was at District Council one day before leaving for Washington and Oregon. He is to return for meetings before leaving for Brazil by July.

FREDOLF SONDENO,

Japan—

—sends greetings. The Sondenos are to furlough in August, attending General Council and itinerating in the District from September to March.

**WHEELER and EILEEN ANDERSON,
Tamale, Ghana—**

—entertained the Annual Missionary Conference in January and attended the Northern Ghana District Council in February. Bob Harrison held evening rallies in Tamale during this time. Pray for the Andersons, “while there is time.”

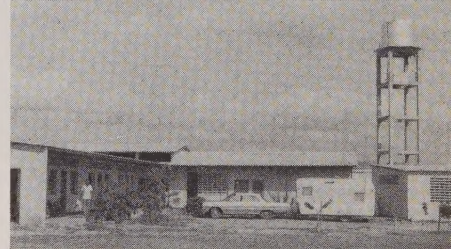
**PAUL and VIOLET PIPKIN,
Taipei, Taiwan**

—“If the red tape can be cut and our family is permitted by the military to travel, we will accept an invitation Easter week for a revival on Quemoy Island. This is just a few hundred yards from Red China—it is a rock fortress island but there is a church there that has never had a missionary conduct a revival, I am told. How wonderful it would be if God would give us a real spiritual break among the troops and laymen and a real revival on Quemoy as one of our last campaigns before furlough.”

**LYDIA GRANER and MILDRED GINN,
India—**

—report that God is blessing in the Bible School. Several of the young men are being tested by their stand for Christ. Relatives either persecute or suffer because of their decision. Pray for these natives.

(More Missions on page 12)



RALPH AND JEWYL WILLIAMS are busy in the Bible Institute in Barquisimeto, Venezuela.

1. Ralph and Jewyl Williams

2. Boy's Dormitory. Speed-the-Light car was gift of Northern Calif-Nevada C.A.'s.

3. Bible Institute Faculty and Students.

WMC AT DIST



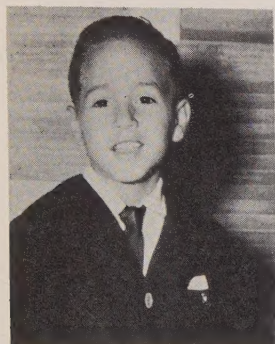
ORTH NEVADA—a helicopter filled with supplies for the commissary. Erna Petznick, director. \$27.00.



SIERRA NEVADA—The sun is sinking behind a mountain and the sails of the ship are set to reach the perishing in Life's sea. Rose Mary Berlin, director. \$149.39.



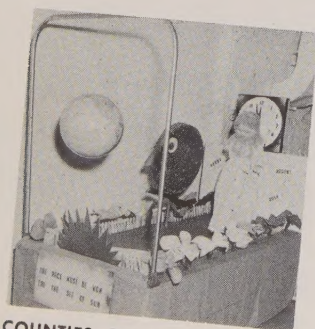
PENINSULA—a copper penny ladder of success meets the WMC challenge. Won **FIRST PLACE** for giving the most in pennies, \$1,736.71. Dorothy Merwin, director.



Following the **PENNY FLOAT PARADE** where over \$8,000.00 had been collected in cash and materials on floats valued at \$3,028.39, **TOMMY HERNANDEZ**, a six-year-old soloist, thrilled the hearts of all as he sang in both Spanish and English.



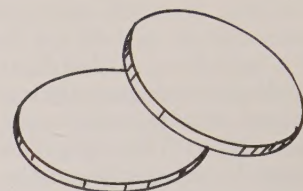
LAKE BERRYESSA—a treasure chest overflowing with merchandise to help the missionary. Won **FIRST PLACE** for having the highest value in material things for the missionary commissary. Muriel Park, director. \$1,013.27.



EAST COUNTIES—helpful pennies are in the box with Father Time. Evelyn Robinson, director. \$161.58.



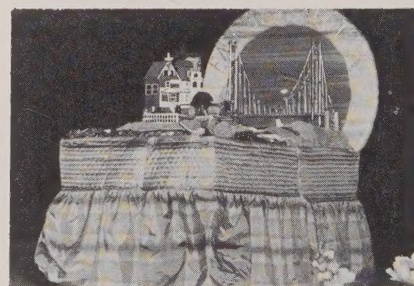
The life of Lillian Trasher and the founding of the Assouit Orphanage in Egypt was portrayed by Victoria Gregorian as the opening feature to an audience of over 3,200.



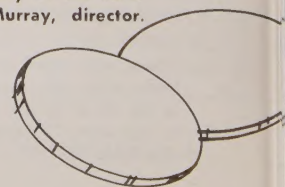
REDWOOD—float depicts the flood disaster recently experienced. Ethel Murray, director. \$82.30.



BERNHARD JOHNSON brought a dynamic message concerning our obligation to missions. Rev. Johnson is the superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Brazil, which is the largest Pentecostal movement in the world with approximately two million adherents.



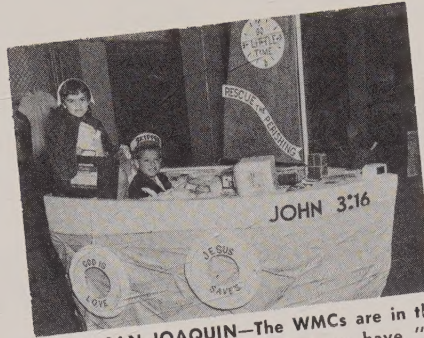
EAST BAY—float depicts the sun going down on our day of labor with Alcatraz representing sin, Teen Challenge Center representing an outreach for souls and the Golden Gate bridge an entrance into the glorious Day of our Lord. Won **SECOND PLACE**. Lois Murray, director. \$1,566.18.



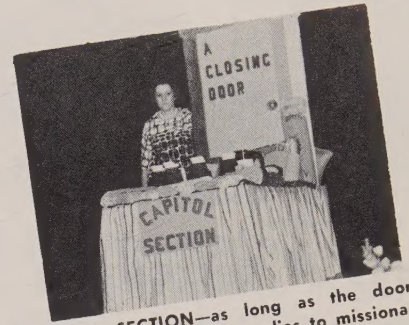
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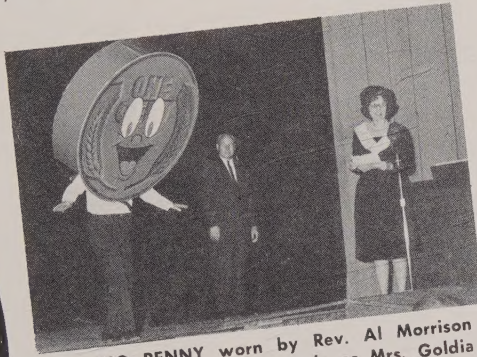
BUTTE SECTION—float depicts Ruth gleaning the harvest with "so little time" and won **THIRD PLACE**. Eloise Stover, director. \$365.57.



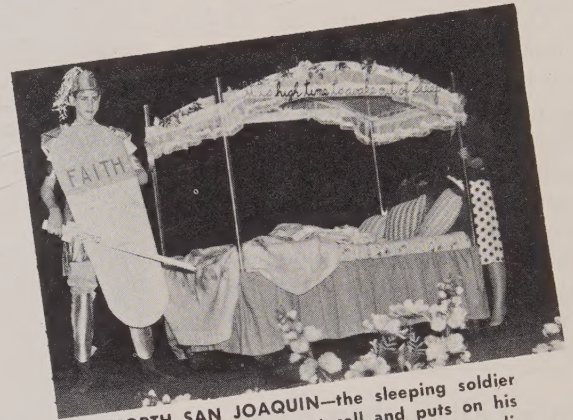
SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN—The WMCs are in the Lifeboat working as we know we have "so little time." Mary Lou Robertson, director. \$345.29.



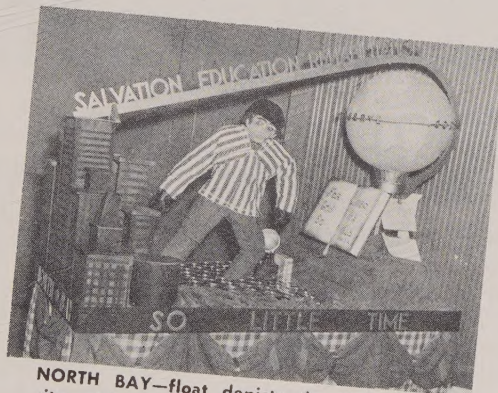
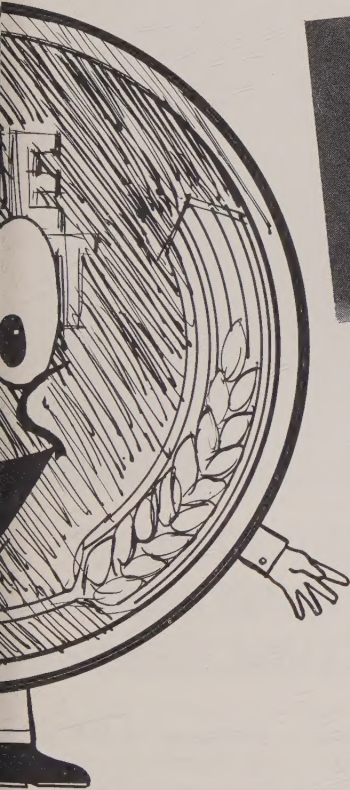
CAPITAL SECTION—as long as the door is ajar we can still send supplies to missionaries. Sharon Johnson, director. \$519.39.



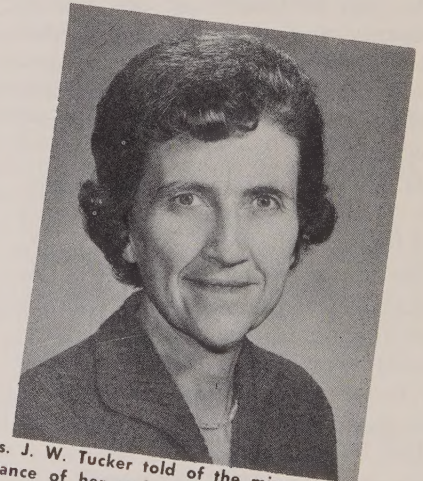
The **BIG PENNY** worn by Rev. Al Morrison leads the fifteen float parade as Mrs. Goldia Anderson, District WMC President, narrates.



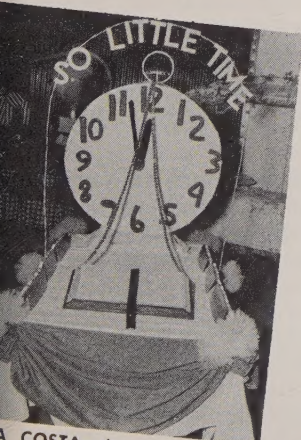
NORTH SAN JOAQUIN—the sleeping soldier awakens at the trumpet call and puts on his armor to go out to battle. Ruth Gilbert, director. \$456.30.



NORTH BAY—float depicts the dark, sinful city with a soul struggling on the cobblestones and finds the Word of God. Won **FIRST PLACE**. Gladys Walton, director. \$354.28.



Mrs. J. W. Tucker told of the miraculous deliverance of her and their three children after the martyrdom of Mr. Tucker in the Congo. The Tuckers had been missionaries in the Congo since 1939.



SAN COSTA—the word of God must be found while there is yet time. Grace Murdock, director. \$663.48.



SACRAMENTO VALLEY—depicts the doors closing to the gospel in many countries as the sun is setting on Time. Orpha Benny, director. \$295.48.



CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN—we must awake to righteousness and work. Viola Golusin, director. \$590.62.





MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

E. L. COLE, President

Days of Refreshing

April 30-May 1 is the date—and the speakers are Pastor Murray McLees and Mr. Jack Kuykendal from Eugene, Oregon. They are the Pastor and Board Member from First Assembly in that city.

The meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and continue through Saturday. Price of the Retreat is \$9.50 per man and includes accommodations and all meals.

There will be no offerings taken.

For reservations write—J. P. Jones, Box 961, Santa Cruz, Calif.

Men's Fellowship Has Change of Officers

Mr. Ben Kelterborn of Los Banos, California was recently elected District Vice-President of Men's Fellowship and Mr. J. P. Jones of Concord, California was elected District Secretary.

Mr. Richard Black remains as District Treasurer, a post that he has held for several years.

The announcement was made at the recent District Council by the District Superintendent, Rev. J. L. Gerhart. Election was by the District Presbytery in session and nominations were from a committee appointed by the District Superintendent.



1. E. L. Cole, District M.F. President.
2. Dr. Jere Melilli, Speaker.
3. Mr. Sam Cochran, National Chairman of Light for the Lost, receiving faith promises.
4. Phil Sondeno, District Chairman of Light for the Lost, putting amounts on the board.
5. View of the head table.
6. View of the crowd of over five hundred.



COLE'S CORNER

This column is dedicated to those Assembly-men and Ministers who worked and labored in the cause of Christ and Men's Fellowship in the recently completed District Council in Sacramento.

Thanx to the Sondeno's—Phil, Dave and wives; the Jim Shades; Mrs. Eleiott who sang so beautifully;

"Spokesmen"; Paul Couchman the printer; McPherson the painter; and Shirley Rogers the decorator; Pastors Curtright; Dr. Jere Melilli for his message, and those two Southern Californians — Sam Cochran and Glen Bonds.

To—Earl Johnson, producer of the visual presentation, and Warren Grant the narrator; Walt Thompson, Fred Christian, John Savage and Denny the Royal Ranger, Bob Cummings, Maurice Luce, George Nungesser, Luther Cayton, Lew Ritz, Dick Winkler, the one and only Forrest Beiser; and Rev. David Wilkerson.

To Black, Kelterborn, Jones, Inman, Elrod, Hollison, and all the others that joined together to make the MF Banquet Luncheon, Visual, and Booth the success they were.

And to you who were among the more than 500 at the Banquet, the 172 at the Luncheon, and the multitudes that expressed appreciation of the work of the lay-brethren in this movement.

"DAYS OF REFRESHING"

Pastor Murray McLees

Mr. Jack Kuykendal

SPEAKERS

APRIL 30 — MAY 1

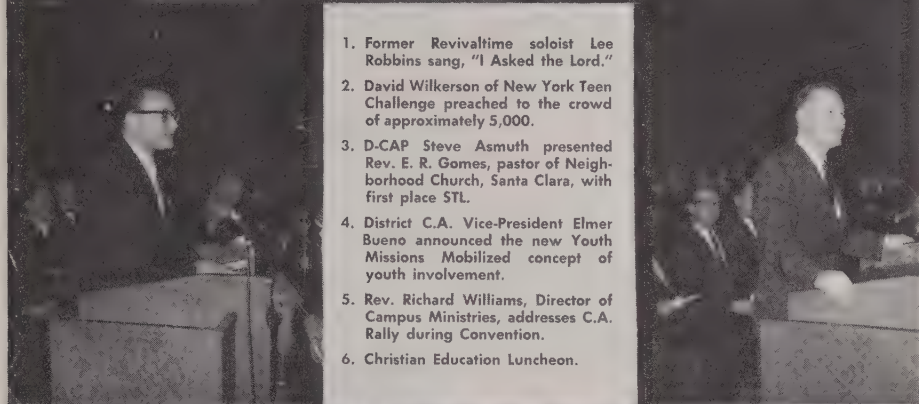
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1. Former Revivaltime soloist Lee Robbins sang, "I Asked the Lord."
2. David Wilkerson of New York Teen Challenge preached to the crowd of approximately 5,000.
3. D-CAP Steve Asmuth presented Rev. E. R. Gomes, pastor of Neighborhood Church, Santa Clara, with first place STL.
4. District C.A. Vice-President Elmer Bueno announced the new Youth Missions Mobilized concept of youth involvement.
5. Rev. Richard Williams, Director of Campus Ministries, addresses C.A. Rally during Convention.
6. Christian Education Luncheon.



College Council Pledges Funds to Bethany Bible Coll.

A vital part of the organization behind the operation of Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz is the College Council with its forty-three dedicated laymen. The men and women are concerned with the Christ-centered education of today's youth.

On February 13, this group and other invited guests met on Bethany's campus for a fund raising banquet. There were 175 persons in attendance including: College Council President Ray Hollingsworth, Manager of radio station KEEN-FM in San Jose; Council Vice-President Herb Ellingwood, Deputy District Attorney, Alameda County; and Secretary, Mrs. Marjorie Maddocks Sherman of San Francisco.

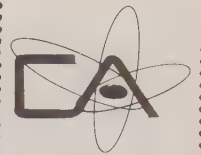
Several local community business people including suppliers of Bethany's foodstuffs and the Vice Presi-

dents of the County Bank of Santa Cruz were also present.

After special music by the King's Men Quartet of San Jose and Bethany Bible College singers, the gathering was challenged by an address by Revivaltime speaker, C. M. Ward from Springfield, Missouri.

Pledges for the college were then received which totaled about \$12,000. This project follows closely a College Council drive which raised \$17,500 for the completing of Bethany's new men's dormitory.

It is hoped that this College Council Banquet will become an annual affair.



CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

STEPHEN ASMUTH, President

Huge Youth Rally In Sacramento

An estimated 5,000 people attended the District C.A. Rally at the Memorial Auditorium in Sacramento on Tuesday, March 2. Featured speaker of the giant rally was Rev. David Wilkerson, founder and director of the New York Teen Challenge.

The varied program emphasized the many ministries this district has which are directed to the young people of the Assemblies of God. Speed-the-Light plaques were presented to the eight churches in Northern California that contributed over \$1,000.00 in 1964 to this Christ's Ambassadors missionary program. The "Ambassadors" choir of Bethany Bible College, directed by Forrest Beiser, presented a musical variety package that was a blessing to all. Former "Revivaltime" soloist Lee Robbins thrilled the audience with a special number.

The message by David Wilkerson was slanted to the vast number of teen-agers in the crowd. Many responded to the invitation to give their hearts to the Lord. It was obvious to all that a real impact had been made for God in the city of Sacramento by the youth rally.

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July 19-24	Bethany Park	Santa Cruz	15-19	Vernon McLellan
July 19-24	Mt. Lassen	Mineral	12-14	Monte Fast
July 26-31	Mt. Lassen	Mineral	15-19	Paul Bruton, Jr.
Aug. 2- 7	Redwood	Eureka	12-19	Vernon McLellan
Aug. 23-27	Lake Tahoe	Stateline	12-19	Unconfirmed

Registration supplies and information will soon be sent to your pastor.

FOREIGN MISSIONS SEMINARS

April 6-9, 1965

SPEAKERS: J. Philip Hogan, Robert McGlasson and Wesley Hurst, all of Springfield, Missouri

- April 6—Santa Rosa, 415 Steele Lane
- 7—Sacramento, Bethel Temple, 565 Howe Avenue
- 8—Modesto, Sundial Lodge, 808 McHenry Avenue
- 9—San Jose area, The Smorgas Table, 799 E. El Camino Real, between Santa Clara and Sunnyvale

Each Seminar starts off with a breakfast at 8:00 a.m. to which all ministers and wives are invited.

Rev. Philip Hogan, Executive Director of the National Foreign Missions Department, will present the Missionary Program of the Assemblies of God. A time of discussion and questions will follow. This is the time to get an answer for anything that has been in your mind concerning missionary policies. We may never have such an opportunity again in this District. Plan to attend.

Reservations stating which place you expect to attend should be sent to R. A. Wilson, P.O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, California 95061.



REV. J. PHILIP HOGAN

Executive Director of National Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God, heads District Seminars.

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BOB HARRISON, Africa—

—a letter from the Foreign Missions Department included a verifax copy of a letter from Bob who has been ministering in Africa for some time. He was given wonderful response in Senegal where pictures were taken by government service and later shown in the theaters. He held meetings in Sierra Leone where the Prime Minister attended on Sunday. At the time of writing Bob was in Ghana speaking day and night. He requests prayer as he is having an open door to the schools and universities.

PLAQUES PRESENTED AT DISTRICT COUNCIL

Five plaques were given at the missionary portion of the District Council held on Tuesday night. Three of these were given on the new World Outreach which includes all giving to credited projects of the District.

The three highest in giving were:
Oakland, First Church — Paul Schoch, pastor.

Sunnyvale—Ralph Hillegas, pastor.
San Jose, Bethel — Leland Keys, pastor.

The plaque for highest in Foreign Missions giving was presented to Redwood City, E. R. Scratch, pastor. This is the third consecutive year for Redwood City to receive this plaque.

Highest in District Home Missions giving went to Central Assembly, El Sobrante—Russell Griffin, pastor.

PAUL and MIRIAM WRIGHT, Malawi, Central Africa—

—“Yesterday the Field Chairman and Bro. Irwin (our immediate co-worker) were here for a District Worker’s meeting and presented Paul

to the African brethren as the missionary for this area. They had a wonderful time of fellowship together and some of the brethren could recall when we first came to this country and they were with us when we started the Assemblies of God in Malawi. So now, Paul has a District to supervise as well as the Bible School. We are praying for a mighty stir amongst our churches. We’re well, happy in our work and are encouraged in the Lord. Gideon (Bomba) sends his greetings.”

Rev. and Mrs. Jas. Berry Appointed Missionaries

Rev. and Mrs. James Berry were recently approved for missionary service to Sierra Leone, West Africa. They were reared in California and began their ministry upon graduation



from Bethany Bible College in 1960. Their pastoral ministry includes churches in the Eastern District and the Northern California-Nevada District.

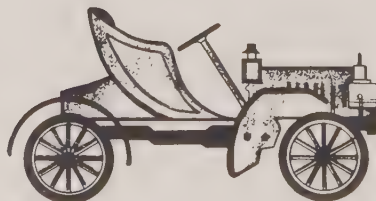
Mrs. Berry spent a term on the mission field with her family as a teenager in the ancient Biblical country of Lebanon.

They have two children, Mark, three and one-half years, and Gregory, nineteen months.

The Berrys plan to start their itineration right away. They will be participating in missionary conventions in Lake Berryessa Section and at the Santa Rosa First Assembly.

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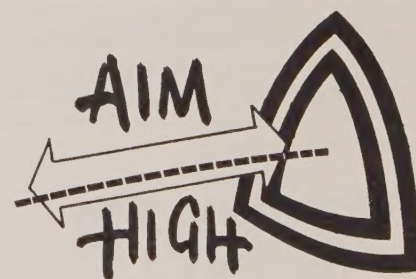
FRED J. GREVE, DIRECTOR

neighbor or friend who believed in Sunday School and who stopped by, week after week, to bring them. Some of you can say, "I would never have known Christ were it not for the Sunday School."

I remember Bob Reid, now a coach and teacher at Southern California College. Five years ago he was a business man, playing in a dance band—a gay blade at night-long parties. But he needed Christ. We approached this family through the Sunday School. The children began to come quite regularly, and then they worked on their parents. The Reids were saved on their first Sunday in church and from that day on they were faithful Sunday School members, growing in grace and knowledge.

Whenever I become discouraged with the task of bringing little ones to Sunday School, I remember Bob Reid, now an active district Royal Ranger commander. How many more Bob Reids are there that God is waiting to save. For their sakes, we must "run to win." We have heard the call, the course is before us, now let us go on to conquest.

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The Holy Spirit wants us to believe we can "run to win," as it says in I Corinthians 9:24 NEB. Our Lord desires to impress upon every Christian today this fact: we can and must win in every challenge God sets before us. The Holy Spirit would guide us to the way of winners. We have tried shortcuts to victory which turned out to be dead-end streets, but the same course which brought victory to our church in the past will bring victory today: faith in and development of successful Sunday Schools.

I. THE CALL. There is a call to action. It comes from many fronts, and it is always the same—"Save us, we perish." In our times:

Christ is calling

Our communities are calling

Our children are calling

World Missions is calling.

These pressing demands require action. We may pray earnestly for answers—in the case of these needs we pray for new ideas or for crash programs. But this is one of those occasions where we already have the answer. There is a voice behind us, perhaps not so loud but ever so clear, saying "These needs can best be met through the Sunday School." This is a call from the Master.

II. THE COURSE. We are living in a new era: it is the age of statistics, the hour of the computer and the data processing machine. If the Master indicates that His call can be met through the Sunday School so do the statistics. Notice again the points of "The Call" we had mentioned.

Christ is Calling. "The night cometh when no man can work." He would encourage us to a greater outreach. The Sunday School is the most effective arm of the church for leading men and women to a saving knowledge of Christ. But even more important is the *keeping* power of the Sunday School. From usual evangelistic outreach, 13 per cent remain after five years, but the Sunday School keeps 60 per cent of its converts. What about the 87 per cent lost from evangelism? The answer is obvious: get them into the Sunday School.

The community is calling. All about us we hear of children who are the despair of their parents, or marriages that are about to be broken by divorce, or nerves shattered and barely kept together by barbituates. (America consumed 8,000 tons of tranquil-

izers last year.) Our community really needs help. It is said that we need more psychiatrists, but the answer really lies in Christ working through the Sunday School. Dr. Paul Mead, head of the psychology department of the University of Minnesota, was a recent convert to Christianity. He is rigorously teaching that more can be done through dynamic conversion than through psychotherapy. Yes, Christ is the answer.

Our children are calling. Advanced educational methods have awakened our youth, and they desire to know more about God and His word. They have their appetites whetted in public school experience, and they want more than plain vanilla! The answer is spirit-filled, prayed-up teachers, teaching the Pentecostal message in our Assemblies of God Sunday Schools. This is an old message, but it remains the most challenging for youth today.

World Missions is calling. The Great Commission still stands, "Go ye into all the world." 95 per cent of our missionaries come from the Sunday School. In this institution we train our future missionaries. God would have us teach our students what they later will teach the Africans, Japanese, and Latin Americans. The Lord himself will be calling at your Sunday School for those new missionaries. Will we have them trained?

III. THE CONQUEST. We have heard the call, we have seen the course before us, now let us go on to the conquest. If we will be conquerors, we will have to fight. A recent letter from a missionary in Hong Kong notes that last year was the Chinese "Year of the Dragon." Yet 1965 is the "Year of the Snake." This may be only coincidence, but this is the year that the devil is letting it be known that he is geared for battle, and that he is claiming this year for himself. But he is no match for the King of Kings. Our Captain is claiming 1965, too! He has a course of battle: renewed effort in the Sunday School. We must, therefore, "run to win."

Will this course work for you? The best proof of these ideas are the men and women who have come to Christ through the Sunday School and who stand strong today. There are many who had no help from Christian parents. They were the product of a

Rev. Melvin Johnson, Former G.T. Editor, Elected President of BBC Alumni

Early in February, alumni from thirty-seven of Bethany's forty-three graduating classes gathered for their 1965 Homecoming. The charter class of 1921 was well represented by two members, Herman Winkleman and his wife, Frances, of Oakland, California. Another distinguished alumna

Rev. Plotts at College Missionary Convention

Bethany Bible College has enjoyed a new missionary zeal and sense of revival as a result of the Spring Missionary Convention. The guest speaker was the Reverend Morris Plotts, returned missionary from the newly independent United Republic of Tanzania.

Mr. Plotts has served as pastor, evangelist, convention speaker, and missionary. Drawing from his vast experience, he preached with an anointing of the Holy Spirit. He challenged the students to yield their lives unreservedly to Christ. Many found new direction for their lives as a result of the morning chapels and evening services.

One young man who experienced the infilling of the Holy Spirit said, "I wasn't Pentecostal, but Dr. Burnett told me that I would be before long. Now I know the thrill of the Holy Spirit in my life. I thank God for this Pentecostal experience."

Another newly filled student reported, "Prayer used to be a duty, but since the Holy Spirit came into my life my whole perspective of Christianity has changed. I want to work for Christ."

Bethany Bible College presents a missionary challenge in both fall and spring semesters. During the Fall Missionary Day, over \$11,000 was pledged by students for their missionary outreach.

BBC Campus Day Set for May 1

Plans are well under way for Bethany's annual Campus Day scheduled for May 1. The day is specifically designed to acquaint high school juniors and seniors with life at Bethany Bible College, both in the academic and extracurricular areas.

Dr. Cordas C. Burnett, President of Bethany College, urges pastors and youth leaders in all Assembly of God churches within traveling distance to reserve this date and to encourage their young people to visit the college.

present was Miss Gail Winters of the class of 1934, who had just returned after experiencing the atrocities in the Congo, Africa.

The climax of the day came with the banquet hour in the college dining room, when 263 persons were served and then challenged to work more effectively for Christ by the dramatic presentation, "His Smile."

During the program, Dr. Cordas C. Burnett, President of the college, presented to retiring Association President, Floyd Thomas, a beautiful plaque in recognition of his faithful service as Alumni President, a position he had held for the past nine years.

The Reverend Thomas said, "These have been wonderful years of fellowship with both you as members of our alumni family and with the administration of the college. I have asked for the privilege of stepping aside this year, making way for other alumni to experience the joys of this relationship." He went on to express his continuing loyalty to the college and urged the alumni to increase their efforts on behalf of Bethany, both in prayer and financial support.

In the brief, but important Alumni Association business meeting, conducted by President Thomas, the main item on the agenda was the election of

officers. Elected to the position of Association President was the Rev. Melvin "Bud" Johnson, pastor from Davis, California, who had been serving as vice president. Mr. Johnson's vacated position was filled by the Rev. Elmer Bueno, Associate Pastor of Bethel Temple Assembly of God in Hayward, California. Incumbent Gerald Boyd, Business Manager at Bethany Bible College, was returned to his office of Treasurer.

Assemblies Honor Youth

April 11th has been designated "National C.A. Day" by the Assemblies of God for the purpose of emphasizing the work of the ministry to youth. Local churches throughout the nation will be featuring the Christ's Ambassadors youth organization in at least one of their services on this Sunday or another designated by the local leadership.

Suggested theme for the emphasis is "Living Epistles." It will be stressed that each C.A. is a "Bible" to his school and community. It is urged upon each church that a special offering be received and sent to the National C.A. Department, as this is the only appeal made for the national youth program during the year.

LETTER TO A DAUGHTER AWAY AT SCHOOL

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5)

So we'll see that you get the books as soon as we can get them for you. And in the meantime, be sure that you do everything you can be doing to keep your spiritual life strong and bright in a spiritually chilling environment. You haven't mentioned having any Christian fellowship at all in the few weeks you have been gone, or even attending any church services except one on ship and one in Tours.

You will have many Christian groups open to you when you get to Paris; with your knowledge of French you can no doubt have some spiritually thrilling experiences as you seek out these minority groups. It will give you the taste and flavor of what it is to be a Christian or a Protestant in an overwhelmingly pagan or Catholic society. Be sure to look up those Christians whose names we gave you.

I'm glad to hear you are keeping up your Bible reading. It's fine to read the Bible in French, but it might be that you would get more of a blessing out of reading it in English. Anyway, be sure you are getting spiritual nourishment for the day, not just more practice in French.

Another thing about trying to argue with these

bright students. Don't forget that you're not the kind who finds it easy to win an argument of any kind, any more than I am. Smart as you are, you don't have that sharp, clipped, overwhelming manner of marshaling facts and arguments in a way that talks other people down.

Your brother Bob has more of that quality. He exults in argument and in his group in Heidelberg was able to take on all comers. Whether it was as intellectually dazzling a group as the one you find yourself in is a question, but still they had been exposed to the same ideas as your group. You are more likely to convince them by what you are and by what Christ means to you than by what you say in argument.

Well, send us another "stream-of-consciousness" letter when you feel like it. Of course, you're not homesick. You're a big girl now, all grown-up, or almost. Nothing can take away the wonderful years we have had with you. They are forever written into your conscious and sub-conscious mind. But I would feel that I had done a poor and selfish job if you couldn't stand to be away from your parents at the age of twenty. I wouldn't like to think of you over there in the midst of that fine opportunity, all torn up with homesickness.

Of course you know we pray for you constantly.

With love,
MOTHER

SEASIDE

There has been "joy in the presence of the angels of God" as revival continues in our midst. Fifteen souls have come to Christ in the Sunday services as the Holy Spirit has been pleased to draw men to Christ as Pastor Lee Milton has continued his third in a series of messages, "Touched, Changed and Charged." Three others have been saved in our out-station work. So pronounced has been the convicting power of the Holy Spirit that one U.S. Army Sergeant stood during the Sunday night testimony service and cried, "I want to give my life to God . . . how do I do it?" He was joined by still others at the altar seeking the Giver of Life. Reported by Mrs. Zella Pfitzer, Church Secretary

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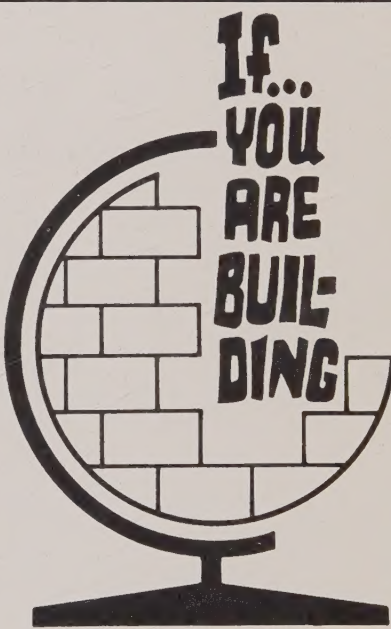


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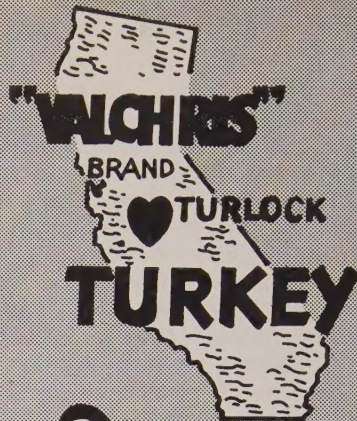
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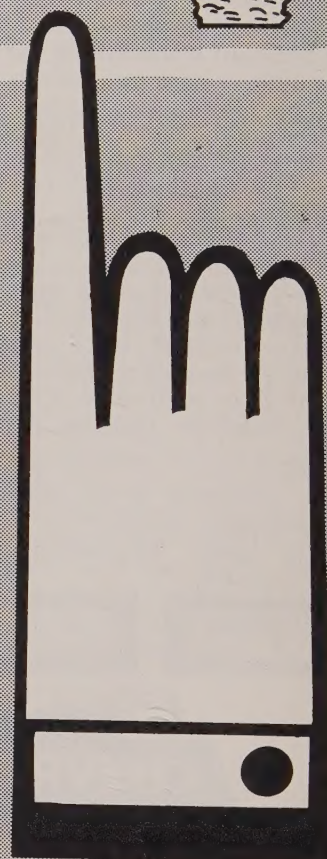
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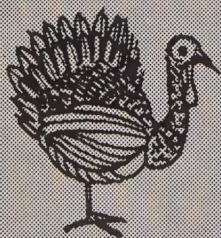
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